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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the following information is set forth in compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, as well as the duty of others substantively involved in the preparation of the above-titled application.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 § (e)(1), each item of information listed on enclosed PTO-1449 form was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement. Accordingly, no fee is due.

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	3	1	3	3	8	8	1	05/19/64	Childs			
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	DE 26 58 926 A1	06/29/78	Germany				X
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**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

		December 14, 2004 Invitation to Pay Additional Fees and Partial International Search Report in PCT/US2004/029574 (7 pages).
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